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SUBJECT: SPHINX PROJECT; Attempt to Locate BARON OTTO VON STACKELBERG.

1. This is the seventh of a series of reports dealing with the project to make a comprehensive survey of all dissident Slav elements in Berlin.

2. Source has made determined efforts to locate Baron von STACKELBERG, a 60 year old former Russian Guards Officer whom he knew in pre-war Berlin. At one time the Baron was employed as an interpreter with the Soviet Authorities in Berlin and source suspects that he is still somewhere in town. Source says that the Baron is supposed to be a personal friend of the former emigre, G. RESTSCHIKOV, who is presently a Major in the MVD at Potsdam. He regarded the Baron as honest, trustworthy, anti-Bolshevik, and is certain that he has not changed his political faith in spite of his employment with the Soviets.

3. In 1944-45, the Baron worked actively with the "Anti-Komintern" in Berlin and attained the position of a Deputy Division Leader of that organization. His chief, Baron von Kruedener, head of the Foreign Division of the "Anti-Komintern" was arrested by the Russians in 1945 and immediately transported to the USSR. Source was unable to give or determine a satisfactory explanation for the Baron's employment with the Soviets. He was of the opinion that the Russians may have been ignorant of the Baron's background. Source was told by AB 57 that this explanation was too naive because (a) The Baron held an important post in the Anti-Komintern, and (b) The Anti-Komintern was too notoriously well known to the Soviets, and a particularly 'juicy' target for the KVD.

4. An independent source was ordered to locate the Baron. He reported that the Berlin Directory for 1943 lists a Baron Otto von STACKELBERG as residing at Eisackstrasse 30, Berlin/Schoenberg. A neighborhood check disclosed that houses numbering 1 to 38 on Eisackstrasse have been destroyed, and the Residence Office of the police has no record of the whereabouts of the Baron.

5. Efforts will be made to locate the Baron in Berlin. Source was anxious to contact the Baron because (a) He was well informed on dissident Slav elements in Berlin, (b) To sound him out on working for this organization, and (c) To demonstrate source's sincerity in accomplishing his survey of dissident Slavs in Berlin.

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